

named as such unless he has consented to being named in the proxy statement and to serve if elected. *Provided, however,* that nothing in this section shall prevent any person soliciting in support of nominees who, if elected, would constitute a minority of the board of directors, from seeking authority to vote for nominees named in the bank's proxy statement, so long as the soliciting party:

(i) Seeks authority to vote in the aggregate for the number of director positions then subject to election;

(ii) Represents that it will vote for all the bank nominees, other than those bank nominees specified by the soliciting party;

(iii) Provides the security holder an opportunity to withhold authority with respect to any other bank nominee by writing the name of that nominee on the form of proxy; and

(iv) States on the form of proxy and in the proxy statement that there is no assurance that the bank's nominees will serve if elected with any of the soliciting party's nominees.

(e) The proxy statement or form of proxy shall provide, subject to reasonable specified conditions, that the shares represented by the proxy will be voted and that where the person solicited specifies by means of a ballot provided under paragraph (b) of this section a choice with respect to any matters to be acted upon, the shares will be voted in accordance with the specifications so made.

(f) No person conducting a solicitation subject to this subpart B shall deliver a form of proxy, consent or authorization to any security holder unless the security holder concurrently receives, or has previously received, a definitive proxy statement that has been filed with, or mailed for filing to, the FDIC pursuant to § 335.204(c).

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§ 335.208 Prohibition of certain solicitations.

No person making a solicitation that is subject to this subpart B shall solicit:

(a) Any undated or postdated proxy; or

(b) Any proxy that provides that it shall be deemed to be dated as of any date subsequent to the date on which it is signed by the security holder.

§ 335.209 Presentation of information in statement.

(a) The information included in the Statement shall be clearly presented and the statements made shall be divided into groups according to subject matter and the various groups of statements shall be preceded by appropriate headings. The order of items in the form need not be followed. Where practicable and appropriate, the information shall be presented in tabular form. All amounts shall be stated in figures. Information required by more than one applicable item need not be repeated. No statement need be made in response to any item that is inapplicable.

(b) Any information required to be included in the Statement as to terms of securities or other subject matter that from a standpoint of practical necessity must be determined in the future may be stated in terms of present knowledge and intention. To the extent practicable, the authority to be conferred concerning each such matter shall be confined within limits reasonably related to the need for discretionary authority. Subject to the foregoing, information that is not known to the persons on whose behalf the solicitation is to be made and is not reasonably within the power of such persons to ascertain or procure may be omitted, if a brief statement of the circumstances rendering such information unavailable is made.

(c) There may be omitted from a proxy statement any information contained in any other proxy soliciting material that has been furnished to each person solicited in connection with the same meeting or subject matter if a clear reference is made to the particular document containing the information.

(d) All printed Statements shall be set in roman type at least as large as 10-point modern type except that to the extent necessary for convenient presentation financial statements and other statistical or tabular matter may be set in roman type at least as large

as 8-point modern type. All type shall be leaded at least 2 points.

(e) All proxy statements shall disclose on the first page thereof the complete mailing address, including zip code, of the principal executive offices of the bank and the approximate date on which the proxy statement and form of proxy are first sent or given to security holders. If action is to be taken by written consent, state the date by which consents are to be submitted if state law requires that such a date be specified or if the person soliciting intends to set a date.

(f) All proxy statements shall disclose, under an appropriate caption, the date by which proposals of security holders intended to be presented at the next annual meeting must be received by the bank for inclusion in the bank's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting, such date to be calculated in accordance with the provisions of § 335.211(a)(3)(i). If the date of the next annual meeting is subsequently advanced by more than 30 calendar days or delayed by more than 90 calendar days from the date of the annual meeting to which the proxy statement relates, the bank shall, in a timely manner, inform security holders of such change, and the date by which proposals of security holders must be received, by any means reasonably calculated to so inform them.

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§ 335.210 Obligations of banks to provide a list of, or mail soliciting material to, security holders.

(a) If the bank has made or intends to make a proxy solicitation in connection with a security holder meeting, upon the written request by any record or beneficial holder of securities of the class entitled to vote at the meeting to provide a list of security holders or to mail the requesting security holder's materials, regardless of whether the request references this section, the bank shall:

(1) Deliver to the requesting security holder within five business days after receipt of the request:

(i) Notification as to whether the bank has elected to mail the security holder's soliciting materials or provide

a security holder list if the election under paragraph (b) of this section is to be made by the bank;

(ii) A statement of the approximate number of record holders and beneficial holders, separated by type of holder and class, owning securities in the same class or classes as holders which have been or are to be solicited on management's behalf, or any more limited group of such holders designated by the security holder if available or retrievable under the bank's or its transfer agent's security holder data systems; and

(iii) The estimated cost of mailing a proxy statement, form of proxy or other communication to such holders, including to the extent known or reasonably available, the estimated costs of any bank, broker, and similar person through whom the bank has solicited or intends to solicit beneficial owners in connection with the security holder meeting or action;

(2) Perform the acts set forth in either paragraphs (a)(2)(i) or (a)(2)(ii) of this section, at the bank's or requesting security holder's option, as specified in paragraph (b) of this section:

(i) Mail copies of any proxy statement, form of proxy or other soliciting material furnished by the security holder to the record holders, including banks, brokers, and similar entities, designated by the security holder. A sufficient number of copies must be mailed to the banks, brokers and similar entities for distribution to all beneficial owners designated by the security holder. The bank shall mail the security holder material with reasonable promptness after tender of the material to be mailed, envelopes or other containers therefor, postage or payment for postage and other reasonable expenses of effecting such mailing. The bank shall not be responsible for the content of the material; or

(ii) Deliver the following information to the requesting security holder within five business days of receipt of the request: A reasonably current list of the names, addresses and security positions of the record holders, including banks, brokers and similar entities, holding securities in the same class or classes as holders which have been or are to be solicited on management's